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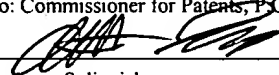
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Lori J. LEHMAN, et al

Serial No.: 09/966,982

Filing Date: September 27, 2001

For: NOVEL STRAIN OF STREPTOMYCES
FOR CONTROLLING PLANT
DISEASES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002 (Paper No. 10) for which a response was due on January 17, 2003 and for which a 4 month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from January 17, 2003 to May 17, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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